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what that means is that they can either work with the researcher and say, what would you like us to ask to get permission, or they can say, here's some guidelines, you as a researcher yourself can directly contact the patient or their family, is that correct?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is not correct and if you will go ahead and express your reservations about it, Senator Erdman, I want to make sure that I have this straight in my mind, so just give me a minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Okay. What I'll do, Senator Schimek, is I'll go ahead and talk about what I think it says and then we can talk about if that's accurate or not. The concern that I have is this: we have a registry set up with individuals who are Parkinson's, cancer, and I can't remember what the other registry that we have is, but what we have is a situation where these individuals are in a group of people assigned, really a blind number where nobody knows who they are except the registry has that information and can contact them to get permission. And the process that we're setting out here would say, you can contact them through the registry if you're a researcher. And my concern is is that that second part of your additional language where it says, or "may authorize the person desiring that contact to perform these contacts," and what that means to me is is if I'm a researcher and I can go to the registry who has set up guidelines and I can convince them that I am an approved researcher; I'm, you know, legitimate; my education; my program that I'm going to be researching is legitimate and is worthwhile and I can accomplish all that, then they'll give me permission to directly contact a patient. And if I'm a researcher that has a vested interest in seeing the success of my research, I might be able to ask some questions or might be able to lean on that patient or their family a little harder than may be necessary or may be proper, as opposed to the way the registry might, just to specifically ask these questions and see if they'd be willing to share that information, yes or no, because you have someone who has a vested interest in making sure that their project is successful. And to be honest with you, I probably don't have a problem with that. I think the researchers that we have in the state of Nebraska that would be